

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1 (Original): An information editing apparatus, comprising:

a deciding device for deciding whether a thumbnail image can be changed or not based on change permission information indicating whether the thumbnail image is changeable, the thumbnail image showing contents of recorded information which includes at least image information and is recorded on a recording medium, and

a change prohibiting device for prohibiting a change of the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted,

wherein editing is performed on a reproduced form of the recorded information recorded on the recording medium.

Claim 2 (Original): The information editing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a generating circuit which generates a display signal for displaying a warning indicating that the thumbnail image cannot be changed when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted.

Claim 3 (Original): The information editing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a changing device for changing the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides that a change is permitted.

Claim 4 (Original): An information editing method, comprising:

a deciding process for deciding whether a thumbnail image can be changed or not based on change permission information indicating whether a change can be made on the thumbnail image showing contents of recorded information which includes at least image information and is recorded on a recording medium, and

a change prohibiting process for prohibiting a change of the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted,

wherein editing is performed on a reproduced form of the recorded information recorded on the recording medium.

Claim 5 (Original): The information editing method according to claim 4, further comprising a generating process which generates a display signal for displaying a warning indicating that the thumbnail image cannot be changed when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted.

Claim 6 (Original): The information editing method according to claim 4, further comprising a changing process for changing the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides, instead of the change prohibiting device, that a change is permitted.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information editing computer program embodied in a computer-readable medium and representing a sequence of instructions, which when executed by a computer included in an information editing apparatus for editing a reproduced form of recorded information which includes at least image information apparatus, the instructions cause the computer to function as: ~~for causing a computer to act as a deciding device~~[[,]]

~~the computer being included in an information editing apparatus for editing a reproduced form of recorded information which includes at least image information and is recorded on a recording medium~~[[,]]

~~the~~ a deciding device for deciding whether a thumbnail image can be changed or not based on change permission information indicating whether a change can be made on the thumbnail image showing contents of the recorded information recorded on the recording medium,

~~the~~ an information editing program for causing the computer serving as the deciding device to act as a change prohibiting device for prohibiting a change of the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The information editing computer program according to claim 7, wherein the computer is caused to act as a generating device which generates a display signal for displaying a warning indicating that the thumbnail image cannot be changed when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The information editing computer program according to claim 7, wherein the computer is caused to act as a changing device for changing the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides that a change is permitted.

Claim 10 (Canceled).